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Karl Marx and the concept of crisis

More than twenty years after the collapse of communism, Marx's thought has regained its philosophical dimension. Thanks also to the contribution of non-Marxist authors (this is perhaps the big news), we are now witnessing a revival of studies aimed at highlighting aspects of Marxian thought that seemed to have been consigned to oblivion. The specters of Marx, of which Derrida spoke, are ambiguous and disturbing.

The focus of this conference falls on the overwhelmingly actual aspects of Marx's analyses. The concept of "crisis" has a fundamental role in Marx's thought. It relates to an economic crisis of overproduction that cyclically leads to the blockage of the markets. Yet, crisis in Marx is always at the same time a crisis of values regarding the quality of life and the model of development. It is therefore not a coincidence that, while in the "post-colonial" countries some philosophers have already started rethinking Marx (also through a re-reading of Gramsci), this is now happening also in the industrial, or post-industrial, countries as they are hit by the economic crisis.

The aim of the conference is to bring forth a new vitality in the interpretation of aspects of Marx's thought that connect with the notion of crisis. We do not want to dwell on philological approaches to Marx's texts nor on old issues, but rather to grasp those philosophical and conceptual elements in Marx that might help us to move beyond both the current situation and what has already been thought in its regard, in an effort to find theoretical and practical solutions to the contemporary global crisis of capitalism.

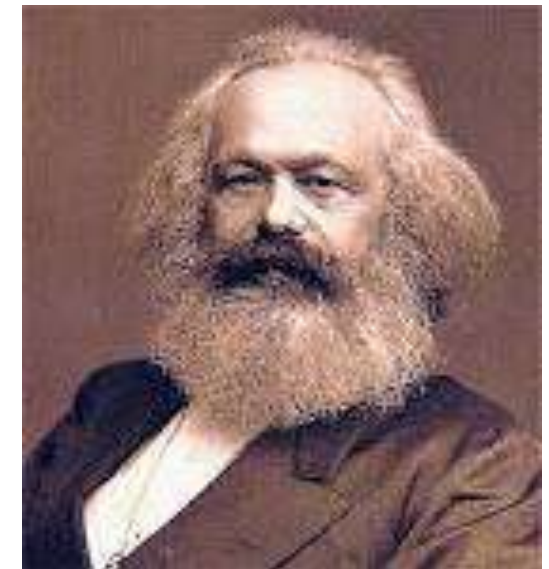
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via Calandrelli 25 (Villa Sciarra sul Gianicolo)

Thursday, November 20th at 3 pm
Sapienza Università di Roma
Aula G. Levi della Vida
via dei Volsci 122

Moderator: Bernd Witte
Saluti del Prof. Roberto Nicolai
Preside della Facoltà di Lettere e
Filosofia
Mauro Ponzi, coordinatore del convegno
(Roma "La Sapienza")

Stefano Petrucciani, *Marx e la critica del
liberalismo*
Vittoria Borsò (Düsseldorf), *Con Marx e
oltre Marx. Percorsi della produttività.*
Paolo Vinci, *Crisi o catastrofe. Un
confronto tra Marx e Benjamin*

Dibattito

Friday, November 21th 9,30 am
Istituto Italiano di Studi Germanici
Via Calandrelli 25 Roma

Moderator: Mauro Ponzi
Saluti del Prof. Giorgio Manacorda
Presidente dell'Istituto Italiano di Studi
Germanici

Fabio Vighi (Cardiff) -Heiko Feldner
(Cardiff), *Digging its own grave: Marx,
Lacan and the exhaustion of the capitalist
drive*
Michael Jennings (Princeton), *Marxist
Crisis Reconsidered: Benjamin's
Permanent Catastrophe and Althusser's
Theory of the Encounter*
Tom Rockmore (Duquesne University –
Pittsburgh - Peking University), *Marx on
economic crisis, profit and communism*
Karl Ivan Solibakke (Syracuse
University), *Crisis and Liberalism*

venerdì 21 novembre ore 13,30
Istituto Italiano di Studi Germanici
Via Calandrelli 25 Roma

Moderator: Vittoria Borsò

Roberto Finelli (Roma Tre), *Marx e la sua
crisi: tra materialismo e spiritualismo*
Mauro Ponzi (Roma – La Sapienza),
Crisi e soggetto storico
Vladimiro Giacché, *La caduta
tendenziale del saggio di profitto e la crisi
attuale*
Bernd Witte (Düsseldorf), *Walter
Benjamins unorthodoxe Marx-Rezeption*

Saturday, November 22th 9 am
Sapienza Università di Roma
Aula G. Levi della Vida
via dei Volsci 122

Moderator: Dario Gentili

Elettra Stimilli (Università di Salerno),
*Astrazioni reali: dal "capitalismo" al
"capitale umano".*
Massimiliano Tomba (Padova),
*Temporalità della crisi: note su Marx e
Gramsci*
Dario Gentili (SUM Firenze) *Crisi come
arte di governo*
Giorgio Cesarale, *Sul senso
dell'"astrazione reale" in Marx: una critica
ad Alfred Sohn-Rethel e Slavoy Žižek*

Dibattito